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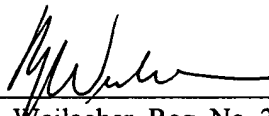
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the International Search Report issued for corresponding European Appln. No. PCT/EP 01 12293 dated April 22, 2002.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that these references were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that each cited document be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that each cited document be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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